

An Amateur Detective

serve the figure of Mr. Bromley the remarks of the old gentleman by Brown wandering about his narden the bedge, he said that he had come on a certain mild April morning a considerable distance-that-and would have imagined him to be suf- this with a very pleasant laughfering from an acute sense of regret well, yes he was thirsty and that for his wasted opportunities.

A girl's figure leaned out and a young voice called to him

"Why do you look so solemu, papa, What a perfect day it is! Warm and surny enough for June!"

"I was thinking," he said, impressively, "of how very little material comfort signifies, and how few of us are satisfied! I know I may not look it, but since my carriest days I have often told you. I have had a curious, wild craying for adventure, for some excitement outside the deadly routine of a business life. It is hard that of a business life.

Valentino laughed and leaned still further out of the window. She, for her part, was absolutely satisfied with the fair face worn by the world around her

Her father took off his gold-rimmed glasses and had down his newspaper. "Hat this is most curious!" said "What a splendid chance if one could only light upon him the plausthis scoundrel! The shrewd young

Valentine turned her gray eyes on his shining crimson face.

"Listen to me-Val." he cried; "you remember the general told us last week that the Mumbys and the Jellicoes had both had their pautry windows forced open?" "Did be? I don't think I was lis tening?

Mr. Bromley Brown here proceeded to read aloud an extract from the

The 'architect burgiar,' for by this confiringet this accomplished crimiual is now known, has been seen, it is believed, not long ago in this neighborhood, although probably be is new many miles away from the scene of his late exploits. He is described as a young man of gentlemanlike and milliary appearance, with fair hair and mustache and wearing clothes of fashionable pake:

Mr Bromley Brown was soon absorbed in meditation. He pictured aming room, the grand soda. hounding down this distinguished criminal, bringing him to justice.

He fell asleep to the accompaniment of the lark's song and dreamed that he was the chief of police in Russia. Waking up with a start be heard the clock strike 12.

A few yards away in the road he saw the figure of a young man, tall, fair, yes, and of unmistakably soldierly appearance! And he was sketching. A thrill ran down Mr. Brown's He might not be the chief of the Russian police, but was he not on the eve of a discovery, an adventure. the possible player in a great and dramatic case?

In one moment his mind had been made up. He would invite this young man, obviously no other than the architect burglar, with friendly greeting, into his house. A hurried word to the coachman would send him, on



A model of middle class prosperity. swift feet, for two or three of the Another messenger local would hasten to Gen, Compton, the sternest of the county magistrates. and he would arrive in time to be a witness of the discomfiture of a noorlous criminal and of the ingenuity d promptitude of his old friend

Weanwhile the young man bad

No one who had happened to ob- looked up smilingly. In answer to there would be plenty of time to finish his sketch after luncheon, and that he thought it a most kind suggestion of his questioner to invite

him to have some. For one instant Mr. Brown glanced nervously at a silver box and candlesticks on Valentine's writing table tren, murmuring an excuse, he ran panting to the stables; in a choking voice dispatched the astonished coachman for the police, and a helper. with an impressive message scribbled on a card, to Gen. Compton.

On his return he found the architect-burglar laughing over a favorite



"And these are lovely spoons." Observed the architect burglar, with annalling cooleess.

book of Valentine's, the "Diary of a Nobody"-and they two talked, Mr. Brown for his part with a curious absent-mindedness of books and different forms of humor

The parlor maid interrupted them stood near by. to say that some cold meat was ready. and the two men adjourned to the dining room. The guest seemed truly

"That's a beautiful old cup," he remarked, pointing to a piece of silver of Queen Arne date in the middle of

the table. Mr. Bromley Brown's expression of mingled triumph and sarcasm passed unnoticed by the cheerful young vis-

The clock struck one-and he rose quickly to his feet.

Thank you a thousand times for your hospitality." he said, pleasant-"I am afraid I must be off. You see, I am sketching for duty, not pleasure. There was a sound of steps at the

door, and a voice outside, which sounded like a word of command, said: Where is the man?"

The door was flung open, and a tall, soldierly figure stepped quickly into the dining room. "Well, Brown, what's all this

about?"

Gen. Compton, young and alert for his years, stared at his friend with a pair of very keen eyes under white You told me it was some very urgent business," continued the general. Then his eyes fell on the oung man by the further window. "Bless my soul, Estcourt, I didn't

see it was you in the corner!" "Yes, and how are you, general?" said the young man, advancing with a cordial smile.

Mr. Bromley Brown felt a sudden cold perspiration on his forehead. He was entirely unable to utter a word. "Mr-Mr?" said the young man, was so kind as to ask me to have whisky and soda."

"Ah, then you don't know each other?" said the general. "Brown, this is Lord Estcourt, son of my old friend whom I have often talked about, you know. He is working like a nigger at the college," and the speaker pointed toward a distant view of a large white building miles away beyond the grove of pines. Estcourt, this is Mr. Bromley Brown,

one of my best neighbors." Mr. Brown felt as if some one had struck him a violent blow on the

"Papa! papa!" A fresh young voice came echoing from the garden, and in another moment a young girl ran into the room.

"Papa, there are two policemen They say they have come for some one-what does it mean?"

"Oh! only about the chickens that were stolen, my dear," said her father miserably. "But there are no chickens! You know you wouldn't have any, because

you said they spoil the garden." "Did I say chickens?" Mr. Bromley Brown's dreary expression was that of a victim being led to execution. "Of course, I mean the forced strawberries. Valentine, my dear-'

The young man was still gazing at the lovely, puzzled face of his host's daughter.

"Your father has been so kind to me, Miss Brown," said he. "I am struggling over military drawing, and in daily terror of being plowed." "Oh! You are studying at the col-

lege!" "Yes-I wonder-would you and your father care to come over and see it some day?"

"Oh, that would be delightful, papa, dear, wouldn't it?" 'Yes, indeeed, indeed it would." Mr. Brown was still feeling half para-

"Good-by, Estcourt my boy," said Gen. Compton. "I have got to have a

word now with Brown on some most Important business about which came down" Lord Estcourt drew a little nearer

to Valentine. "You will drive over very soon,

then, Miss Brown?" "Thank you-I am sure we shall enjoy it ever so much!"

Then we won't say good-bye, I think," said he, as he took her hand. The King.

Hope.

When all our dreams and aims have ome to maught And dark'ning clouds of fear and doubt nasatt: When all in vain some comfort we have

sought.
And all our friends and carsolations When sad-eyed, heavy-lidded sorrow

Upon our souls, by polgnant grief oppressed Deeming ourselves accursed of the Fates, grant us neither happiness nor

waits

Thou comest, heaven-sent, with beaming To raise us from the depths of our debid'st us lift our glances to the sky.

When dark ning gloom straightway be-cometh fair; The morbid mists which wrapped our souls around Are quickly by thy influence dispelled; Anticipated pleasures then abound

And all our fears and doubts are haply queiled, The low'ring clouds their silver linings The weary road that once appeared so

Each moment shorter to us seems to Whilst all our sighs are turned into

Victims of Too Much Sympathy. The Rev. Dr. Lorimer, the minister at the Madison Avenue Baptist church, is responsible for this story, though ne does not wouch for the truth of

moral: "A nestful of young linnets were in the corner of a field in India. Having lost their mother, they were cold and hungry. They flapped their little featherless wings, thereby attracting the attention of a huge elephant which

"'Ah.' said the elephant, 'you poor little things. You have lost your moth er, and have nobody to nestle you. I am a mother, and have a mother's heart. I will nestle you and keep you warm!' And thereupon the elephant sat upon the nest containing the poor little linnets."-New York Times.

"Hurry Up" Lacking.

Almost the first words which Italians learn in coming to this country are "Hurry up!" and this also expresses the first idea which they glean from their new environment. A young Italian who has been in this country just six months found, when he welcomed a younger brother at the end of that time, that there was already a slight difference in their point of view. In deprecating his brother's shortcomings to a friend he remarked:

"I see my brother eess too much Italian; I see he eess not 'nuff hurry up,"

How the Dahlia Was Named. A strange spindly plant with nodding little flowers was sent from the city of Mexico to the Madrid botanical garden, in 1784, and, being new to probably in the liver. the botanists, was named Dahlia, after Dahl, a Swedish botanist. Florists soon noticed the great possibility of variation in the flower in color and size, but it was rare in Europe until Humboldt brought from Mexico quantity of the seed.

Urges Change in College Methods. Prof. Dewey of the Boston Institute of Technology, in speaking before the convention of educators and business men at Ann Arbor, Mich., deplored named ---, whose life was almost a the lack of fitness shown by college graduates for the hard realities of of evils, quit coffee some months ago life. Prof. Ripley of Harvard univer. and began on Postum Food Coffee. sity, urged the enforcement of business methods of exacting attention to strong and cheerful and naturally study all through a university student's course.

Room Needed.

Cadleigh-"I heard you would probably have to make an assignment." Merchant (coldly)-"You have been misinformed."

Cadleigh-"Doin' well, eh? Oh, well, I suppose everybody's business is big these days." Merchant-"Of course; otherwise

you wouldn't be able to get your nose

Editor Refutes a Blander.

Those smart Alecks who are telling it around that we staggered into a baroed-wire tence while returning from Squire Lipscomb's dinner are basely slandering us. We indulged in no rustic exercises or fete champetre on the way home, but slept soundly in the bottom of the squire's wagon, The reason our face is scarred is because we have been trying to shave ourself with our new "safety" razor .--Hardeman (Tenn.) Free Press.

Harvest Begins in May to Texas. Take advantage of the low rate excursions on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and see the wonderful resources, the crops and conditions in the Lone Star State. Texas"-a 144-page book, filled with facts and figures, brimful with information-will be sent free by address-

"KATY," 402 Wainwright, St. Louis. Increase in Flour Exports.

Since Sept. 1 Tacoma has sent 227,-329 barrels of flour to Asia, against 134,078 for the coresponding period last year. It Ought to Be.

To be able to pronounce "hereditability" is a sure sign of sobernesa, says a Cardiff (Wales) doctor. Sheep as Present for Brers.

out to the Cape a number of sheep as a present to the Boers. I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved

From Havre a French lady has sent

my life three years ago.—Mrs. THOS. ROBBINS, Maple Street, Norwish, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1909. The milkman knows the full signif-

lcance of a white lie. JUNE TINT BUTTER COLOR makes top of the market butter.

Some people are too busy giving advice to attend to their own business.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPERS Use the best. That's why they buy Red Cross Ball Blue. At leading grocers, 5 cents.

Can Manufacture Saltpetre.

Prof. Muthman, a German chemist, has a plan of saving his country the \$15,000,000 a year it spends on imported saltpetre. He declared in a recent lecture in Munich that saltpetre can be manufactured from ordinary air with the aid of a cheap electrical current, for about one-fifth of what it cow costs.

Afghans Have Hard Task.

The young ameer of Afghanistan, reformed, has decreed that hereafter his subjects shall have but four wives, and that all who have an excess of this number must divorce them. All good Afghanistanders are now busy picking out the best four and declare that being judge at a baby show is as nothing to it.

Salaries of German Professors.

German professors are not likely to matter. grow rich. Seven years ago 191 drew salaries of \$250 or less, 87 went as high as \$400, 74 up to \$1,000, 59 to \$1,500 and 27 to \$2,000. There are it, useful as it may be to point a fourteen that obtained between that sum and \$3,000, 15 as high as \$4,000. 7 up to \$5,000 and 4 above \$5,000.

Smoke Wood Shavings.

Wood shavings saturated with a strong solution of pepper are used a substitute for tobacco by Indiana along the Alaskan Coast. Their mouths are often made raw by the practice, and the eyesight of many is covery of their motive. like the disaffected by the strong fumes.

QUIT AND EAT.

Sor e Coffee Tales.

Show a woman an easy, comforta ble and healthful way to improve her complexion and she is naturally in terested

Coffee is the one greatest enemy of fair women, for in the most of cases it directly affects the stomach pro ducing slight, and sometimes great congestion of the liver and therefore causing the bile to be absorbed into the system instead of going its natural way. The result is a sallow, muddy skip and a train of diseases of the different organs of the body which, in all too many cases, develop into chronic diseases.

A lady speaking of how coffee af fected her says: "I was very fond of coffee but while drinking it was under the care of the doctor most of the time for liver trouble, and was compelled to take blue mass a great deal of the time. My complexion was bad and I had a pain in my side steadily,

"When I concluded to quit coffee and take Postum Food Coffee I had it made carefully and from the very first cup we liked the taste of it better than any of the old coffee.

"In a short time the pain left my side and my friends began to comment on the change in my complexion and general looks. I have never seen anything equal to the good I got from -making this change.

"A young lawyer in Philadelphia burden from indigestion and its train He quickly recovered and is now well,

loud in his praises of Postum. "Another friend, an old gentleman of seventy, named ----, who for years suffered all one could suffer and live, from dyspepsia, and who sometimes for weeks could eat no bread or solid food, only a little weak gruel or milk, quit coffee upon my recommendation and took up Postum. He b-gan to get better at once. Now he can eat rich pastry or whatever he likes and is

perfectly well." Names given by Postum Co., Rat-

tie Creek, Mich.

SECURE A FREE HOME

In the Fertile Wheat Fields of Western Canada.

To the Editor: The emigration of well-to-do farmers from the United States to the Canadian Northwest has assumed such proportions that organized efforts are now being made by interested persons and corporations to stem the tide. The efforts are being initiated chiefly by railway and real estate interests in the states from which the bulk of the emigration takes place. The movement of population has taken from numerous states thousands of persons whose presence along railways in these states made business for the transportation companies. The movement has also become so widely known that it has prevented the settlement of vacant lands along these lines, parties who might have located there being attracted to the free and more fertile lands of Canada. The result of the movement has been that the railway companies not only see the vacant lands along their lines remain vacant, but they also see hundreds of substantial farmers who have helped provide business for these rallways move away and so cease their contributions. The farmers have moved to Canada because they were convinced that it would be to their financial interest to do so. In moving they have been inconsiderate enough to place their own financial interests before those of the financial interests of the railway corporations. In addition to the railway corpora

tions, real estate dealers are working to stem the flow of emigrants. Of course every emigrant who goes to Canada means the loss of commissions on land deals by real estate dealers. Now a person has but to know what the interests are that are trying to stop the flow to know what motive is influencing their course. The emigration means financial loss to railway corporations and to real estate men. These interests therefore are not directing their opposition efforts out of any love for the departing emigrants or out of any high patriotic motives either. They are doing so purely from selfish interests. It is a matter of dollars and cents with them. They are so patriotic, they are so consumed by love for their fellow-citizens, that they want to prevent these fellow-citizens going to Canada and getting free farms of the best wheat land in the world, and instead they want to make them stay on high-priced farms in the United States, where they will continue to pour money into the pockets of these railways and real estate men One of the methods employed by these interests to stem the tide is the distribution of matter to newspapers, painting Canada in the darkest colors. These articles emanate chiefly from a bureau in St. Louis. They are sent out at frequent intervals for simul-

taneous publication. A writer is em-

ployed at a high salary to prepare the

Moreover, statements absolutely at variance with the truth have lately been published broadcast. These appear chiefly in what purport to be letters from persons who are alleged to have gone to Canada and become disgusted with it. Only a few of such have been published, and they contain statements that are absurd in their falsity. Whether the parties whose names appear in connection with these letters have ever been in Canada, and, If so, their history while there, is to be thoroughly looked into. The discovery of the motive of the interests who are engineering the opposition. may prove illumining. In the meantime, however, it may be pointed out that only a few of such letters have appeared, but since 1897 over 87,000 American settlers have gone to the Canadian West. Can any reasonable person suppose for a moment that if Canada was one-quarter as bad as represented in these letters the 87,000 Americas now there would remain in the country; or, if the Canadian West had not proved the truth of all that was claimed for it, the papers of every state in the American Northwest would not be filled with letters saying so? Imagine \$7,000 aggressive Americans deceived and not making short shift of their deceivers. The fact is the 87,000 are well satisfied and are encouraging their friends to follow them.

Anyone who sees any of these disparaging letters should remember that it is railway and real estate interests who have from purely selfish reasons organized a campaign to stem the flow to Canada. If Canada were half as bad as represented there would be no need of such an organization. The fact that such exists is of itself a magnificent tribute to Canada. Finally it should not be forgotten that the letters published are brimful of falsehoods, and that 87,000 satisfied Americans in the Canadian West constitute a living proof that such is the case.

The Canadian Government agent whose name appears in advertisement elsewhere in this paper is authorized to give all information as to rates and available lands in Western Canada.

Cures Drunkenness.

A traveler has made the observation that coffee-drinking people are very seldom given to drunkenness. In Brazil, for instance, where coffee is grown extensively, and all the inhabitants drink it many times a day, intoxication is rarely seen. The foreigner who settles there, though possessed of ever such a passion for strong drink, gradually loses his liking for alcohol as he acquires the coffeedrinking habit of the Brazilian.

Women the Worse Drinkers. The first "blacklist of babitual drunkards" published in London un-der the new licensing act shows three

times as many women as mea.

Knives Must Be Blunt. Knives used at restaurants in Austria-Hungary must be blunt according to a very inconvenient regulation that has been enforced. All knives in use at public restaurants are to be kept thus so as to be con paratively harmless in unruly, violent hands, and in case of quarrel and consequent brawling, there should be less risk of actual

bloodshed.

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Author and Explorer.

Jack London, the well-known au-thor, has earned fame in other ways than by his writing. He was one of the few who went over the Chilkoot pass in 1897, and one of his experiences in Alaska consisted in floating nineteen days in an open boat down to the Behring sea.

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Animal Exports Fall Off. The total value of the exports of animal products in 1902 was about \$3,000,000 greater than the like exports of the previous year, but there was a decrease of nearly \$3,000,000 in the value of cattle exported. This was due to the sharp demand for beef cattle in this country...

Notable Lack of Male Heirs.

The lack of male beirs among leading English military men is remarkable. Lord Roberts' only son was killed in battle, Lord Kitchener is a bachelor, and Sir Redvers Buller's only child is a daughter.

Few Inhabitants of Sardinia.

Sardinia has only 750,000 inhabit-

ants, although it could easily support

3,000,000. A German tourist writes that he has traveled on that island by rail two hours without seein; a single

Project for Fast Travel. An electrical railway is projected between Paris and Brussels, upon which

cars are to cover the distance-191 miles-in two hours.



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